

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-17 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Szeremeta in view of Berger. Independent claims 1, 9 and 21 recite a reference disk and copy disk coupled to a chuck that can attached to, and detached from, a spindle motor so that the copy disk can be replaced. Neither Szeremeta nor Berger disclose either alone, or in combination, a detachable servo writer chuck that carries both a reference disk and a copy disk. Szeremeta merely shows a copy disk attached to a spindle.

Berger discloses attaching a master disk cartridge to a drive. After servo writing the master cartridge is removed, not the copy disk. The Berger approach is fundamentally different from the method and apparatus recited in the claims. The present invention discloses and claims an off-line servo writer with a chuck that can hold one or more copy disks. The chuck also contains a reference disk that can be used to write servo onto the copy disks. Such an approach provides an accurate way of writing servo onto a plurality of disks. The disks are then removed from the servo writer and subsequently assembled into a disk drive. This is to be distinguished from Berger which discloses a separate master disk cartridge that is attached to an existing drive. Berger does not disclose a process wherein servo is written onto disks that are then subsequently assembled into a disk drive.

Even when combined in the aggregate Berger and Szeremeta do not contain all the limitations of the claims. When combined these references still do not contain a chuck with both a reference disk and a copy disk that is detached from the spindle. Additionally, neither reference provides a suggestion for such a feature. For these reasons the Applicant submits that the claims are not obvious in view of Szeremeta and Berger.

The Examiner rejected claims 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Berger. Independent claim 18 recites means to secure and detach a reference disk and a copy

disk from spindle means. Berger does not disclose means to allow detachment of both the reference disk and the copy disk. Berger merely allows detachment of the master disk cartridge.

For this reason the Applicant submits that Berger does not anticipate 18-20.

In view of the above it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-26 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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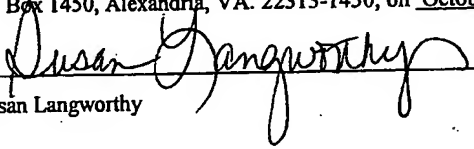
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